

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1163

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend T.H. Pierce for  
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is T.H. Pierce, who has abided by the highest principles of excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mountain City, Dr. Pierce graduated from Johnson County High School in 1944; and

WHEREAS, immediately after graduation, he volunteered with the United States Navy, risking his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom; T.H. Pierce rendered sterling service during World War II in the South Pacific aboard the USS *Alabama*; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, he attended East Tennessee State College and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1953; he later completed his internship at Old Knoxville General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, uniformly earning the respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike, Dr. Pierce served as the Administrator of Hancock County Hospital from 1954 to 1981, at which time he became a Co-Administrator until the hospital closed in 1992; and

WHEREAS, a valuable asset to his community, Dr. T.H. Pierce has lent his time and talents to many noteworthy causes; he has served as a member of the Sneedville City Council, Mayor of Sneedville, Chairman of the Hancock School Board, Chairman of the Hancock County Heart Association, Chairman of the Hancock Shrine Paper Fund, a member of the Carson Newman College Board of Directors, Chairman of the Walters State Community College

Executive Board, a member of the Board of Directors of Citizens Bank of East Tennessee, and a lifetime member of the Tennessee Medical Association. Furthermore, he has contributed his great medical expertise to the benefit of his fellow man as Medical Examiner, a position he has filled for forty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pierce epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, T.H. Pierce is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifty-five years, the former Wanda Raines; his children and son-in-law, Patricia Cardwell, Nancy Seal and her husband Donnie, and Janie Hopkins; and his grandchildren, Tara Seal, Kim Seal, Brad Seal, and Ross Hopkins; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Pierce for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. T.H. Pierce for his meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee, as we extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.